South Bay Power Plant Sediment Quality Evaluation











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- South Bay Power Plant (SBPP) Site overview
- Review of MEC 1998 sediment chemistry evaluation
- Evaluation of MEC 1998 data in context of Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) and Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs)
- Conclusions











Site Overview



South Bay Power Plant



- SDG&E owned and operated SBPP from 1960 to 1998
- Sold to San Diego
 Unified Port District
 (SDUPD) in 1998













MEC 1998 Study and Results



Sediment Sampling

 October 9, 1998, MEC Analytical Systems, Inc. sampled sediment adjacent to South Bay Power Plant on behalf of the Port of San Diego as part of its pre-purchase environmental due diligence (MEC, 1998)

Push cores

- 2-inch diameter cores from 11 stations (22 samples total)
- Surface to 1.5' to 3.75' below mud line
 - 5 additional samples were analyzed for PCBs in the upper strata (0 1.5')
- Homogenized over the core length

Analyzed for

- Metals
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) as Aroclors
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
- Organochlorine Pesticides
- Phenols



South Bay Power Plant

J-Street Drain

- Samples located near cooling water discharge and in vicinity of SBPP
- Samples located within the immediate vicinity of City of Chula Vista stormwater sources





1998 Metals Data

			Concentration in Sediment ^[1, 2] (mg/kg, dw)										
Station ID	Core Interval (ft)	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	Arsenic	Selenium		Silver		Mercury
A-1	0 - 2.25	0.5	25.7	15.7	13.0	8.9	48.6	5.2	0.4	<	0.2	<	0.04
A-1 Duplicate	0 - 2.25	0.5	25.2	16.6	13.8	9.2	49.5	5.4	0.5	<	0.2	<	0.04
A-1 Average	0 - 2.25	0.5	25.5	16.2	13.4	9.1	49.1	5.3	0.5	<	0.2	<	0.04
A-2	0 - 2.75	0.7	20.3	11.6	8.7	5.8	33.9	3.5	0.2	<	0.1	<	0.03
A-3	0 - 3.75	0.2	9.4	7.4	7.7	4.0	20.8	2.3	0.2	<	0.1	<	0.03
A-4	0 - 2.25	0.3	9.0	6.8	12.8	3.7	22.4	1.9	0.2	<	0.1	<	0.03
A-5	0 - 1.5	0.7	15.7	9.6	12.3	5.9	33.2	2.4	0.2	<	0.1	<	0.03
A-6	0 - 2.75	0.4	12.4	7.1	14.2	4.8	26.4	2.1	0.2	<	0.1	<	0.03
A-7	0 - 3	0.9	19.4	10.0	15.9	6.4	32.1	2.3	0.2	<	0.1	<	0.03
A-8	0 - 3	0.5	23.6	16.9	21.0	8.9	54.2	4.2	0.3	<	0.2	<	0.03
B-1	0 - 3	0.2	10.1	8.5	5.3	3.8	23.7	1.8	0.2	<	0.1	<	0.03
B-2	0 - 1.5	0.2	5.2	9.9	6.3	2.6	29.0	1.3	< 0.1		1.2	<	0.03
B-3	0 - 2	0.2	13.6	16.4	7.8	5.4	42.9	3.6	0.3	<	0.1	<	0.03



Metals Data: Comparison to Background*

Copper is only present at approximately 10% of San Diego Bay background conditions*, despite presence of copper in cooling water discharge (EPA 3050/6020 M)

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	Core Interval	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	рі	kel	v	Arsenic	Selenium	ær	Mercury	Ŋ
Station ID	(ft)	Сас	Chr	Сор	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	Ars	Sel	Silver	Mer	j
A-1	0 - 2.25	1.52	0.45	0.13	0.25	0.59	0.25	0.69		0.18	0.07	
A-1 Duplicate	0 - 2.25	1.52	0.44	0.14	0.26	0.61	0.26	0.72	-	0.18	0.07	
A-1 Average	0 - 2.25	1.52	0.45	0.13	0.25	0.60	0.26	0.71	-	0.18	0.07	
A-2	0 - 2.75	2.12	0.36	0.10	0.16	0.39	0.18	0.47	1	0.09	0.05	K
A-3	0 - 3.75	0.61	0.16	0.06	0.15	0.27	0.11	0.31		0.09	0.05	
A-4	0 - 2.25	0.91	0.16	0.06	0.24	0.25	0.12	0.25	-	0.09	0.05	
A-5	0 - 1.5	2.12	0.28	0.08	0.23	0.39	0.17	0.32		0.09	0.05	
A-6	0 - 2.75	1.21	0.22	0.06	0.27	0.32	0.14	0.28		0.09	0.05	
A-7	0 - 3	2.73	0.34	0.08	0.30	0.43	0.17	0.31		0.09	0.05	
A-8	0 - 3	1.52	0.41	0.14	0.40	0.59	0.28	0.56		0.18	0.05	
B-1	0 - 3	0.61	0.18	0.07	0.10	0.25	0.12	0.24	-	0.09	0.05	
B-2	0 - 1.5	0.61	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.17	0.15	0.17		1.09	0.05	
B-3	0 - 2	0.61	0.24	0.14	0.15	0.36	0.22	0.48		0.09	0.05	
Minimu	um	0.61	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.17	0.11	0.17		0.09	0.05	-
Avera	ge	1.35	0.29	0.10	0.22	0.40	0.19	0.42		0.20	0.06	
Maxim	um	2.73	0.45	0.14	0.40	0.61	0.28	0.72		1.09	0.07	
Background Cor	centration [3]	0.33	57	121	53	15	192	7.5	NI	1.1	0.57	



B-1 o B-3 o

200 ft

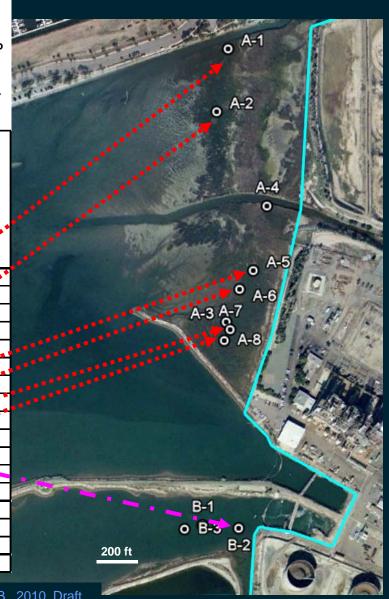
^{*}Background conditions as established for the San Diego Bay Sediment Site: CRWQCB. 2010. Draft Technical Report for Tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2005-0126.



Metals Data: Comparison to Background*

- All metal concentrations are lower than background*, except for Cd and Ag
- Average concentration of cadmium is 1.5X background
- Moderate
 cadmium
 concentrations at
 Site not
 indicative of
 Beneficial Use
 Impairment

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Station ID	Core Interval (ft)	Cadmium	Silver
A-1	0 - 2.25	1.52	0.18
A-1 Duplicate	0 - 2.25	1.52	0.18
A-1 Average	0 - 2.25	1.52	0.18
A-2	0 - 2.75	2.12	0.09
A-3	0 - 3.75	0.61	0.09
A-4	0 - 2.25	0.91	0.09
A-5	0 - 1.5	2.12	0.09
A-6	0 - 2.75	1.21	0.09
A-7	0 - 3	2.73	0.09
A-8	0 - 3	1.52	0.18
B-1	0 - 3	0.61	0.09
B-2	0 - 1.5	0.61	1.09
B-3	0 - 2	0.61	0.09
Minimu		0.61	0.09
Avera		1.35	0.20
Maxim		2.73	1.09
Background Cor	centration [3]	0.33	1.1



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Comparison to Chollas and Paleta Stormwater Cadmium

 Average concentration of cadmium in South Bay similar to/lower than Paleta Creek and Chollas Creek*

Cadmium	South		
Concentration	Bay	Chollas	Paleta
Average	0.44	0.63	0.43
St. Dev.	0.25	0.37	0.52
Max.	0.9	1.37	1.59
Min.	0.2	0.29	0.01

- Cadmium at South Bay indicative of urban runoff
 - City of Chula Vista stormwater source likely
 - J-street Drain, Telegraph Creek, Palomar Drain



^{*} Southern California Coastal Water Research Project and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego, U.S. Navy; Sediment Assessment Study For The Mouths Of Chollas And Paleta Creek, San Diego: Phase I Draft Report, September 2004.



Comparison to Chula Vista Boat Basin

- Range of concentrations of cadmium in South Bay <u>lower</u> than that of sediments in nearby Chula Vista Boat Basin (Smith and Associates et al., 1975)
 - Stormwater or boatyard sources of cadmium rather than SBPP source





PAHs Data

- Most PAHs not detected
- Where PAHs detected, sums below background

											С		ation in g/kg, dv	Sedimer v)	nt								
Station ID	Core Interval	Naphthalene	Acenaphthylene		Acenaphthene	Fluorene	Phenanthrene	Anthracene	Fluoranthene	Pyrene	Benzo(a)anthracene	Chrysene	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	Benzo(a)pyrene	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	Benzo(ghi)perylene	Total PAHs	∟РАН ⅓	нРАН ^[3]	LPAH [4]	НРАН ^[4]
A-1	0 - 2.25	< 18	< 1	8 <	: 18	< 18	< 18	< 18	< 18		< 18	< 18	< 18	< 18	19	< 18	< 18	< 18	42	9	42	0	42
A-2	0 - 2.75	< 15	< 1	5 <	: 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	7.5	7.5	0	0
A-3	0 - 3.75	< 14	< 1	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	7	7	0	0
A-4	0 - 2.25	< 14	'	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	7	7	0	0
A-5	0 - 1.5	< 14	< 1	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	19	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	20	< 14	< 14	< 14	39	7	39	0	39
A-5 Duplicate	0 - 1.5	< 14	'	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	23	< 14	< 14	16	< 14	17	< 14	16	14	86	7	86	0	40
A-5 Average	0 - 1.5	< 14	< 1	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	21	< 14	< 14	16	< 14	19	< 14	16	14	63	7	62.5	0	39.5
A-6	0 - 2.75	< 14	'	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	20	< 14	< 14	< 14	22	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	42	7	42	0	20
A-7	0 - 3	< 14	< 1	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	16	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	14	< 14	< 14	< 14	30	7	30	0	30
A-8	0 - 3	< 16	< 1	6 <	: 16	< 16	< 16	< 16	24	39	21	23	34	21	34	< 16	28	33	257	8	257	0	141
B-1	0 - 3	< 14	< 1	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	7	7	0	0
B-2	0 - 1.5	< 14	< 1	4 <	: 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	21	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	< 14	21	7	21	0	21
B-3	0 - 2	< 15	< 1	5 <	: 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	< 15	7.5	7.5	0	0
PAH Categorizati (Exponent 2003		LPAH	LPA	ΗΙ	_PAH	LPAH	LPAH	LPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH					
PAH Categorizati (Bay et al. 2009		LPAH		ı	_PAH	LPAH	LPAH	LPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH	HPAH			HPAH	HPAH							

Notes

¹ These are the results from the sampling and analysis of sediments collected adjacent to the SDG&E South Bay Power Plant. The sampling was conducted by MEC Analytical Systems, Inc for the Port of San Diego on October 9, 1998 (MEC, 1998).

² μg/kg, dw = microgram per kilogram, dry weight.

³ PAH Categorization is based on Exponent 2003. LPAH = low molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon. HPAH = high molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon. Perylene and Benzo[e]pyrene were not analyzed.

⁴ PAH Categorization is based on the Sediment Quality Assessment Draft Technical Support Manual (Bay et al. 2009). Please note, the following LPAHs were not analyzed in MEC (1998): 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene, Biphenyl, and 1-methylphenanthrene. Also, please note the following HPAHs were not analyzed in MEC (1998): Benzo[e]pyrene and Perylene. LPAH and HPAH are calculated as the sum of the detect values. If no values for a station are detected, the station is treated as having a concentration of zero (Bay et al. 2009).

⁵ PAH = Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons.



PAHs Data

- Concentrations for total PAH, LPAH, and HPAH summed detected results only as in Sediment Quality Objectives guide: SCCRWP. 2009. Sediment Quality Assessment Draft Technical Support Manual and CRWQCB (2010)
- Detected concentrations of PAHs in South Bay sediment below background*
 - Highest HPAH concentration (257 µg/kg), ~40% of background

		in Sec	ntration liment g, dw)
Station ID	Core Interval (ft)	[8]	HPAH ^[4]
A-1	0 - 2.25	42	42
A-2	0 - 2.75	7.5	0
A-3	0 - 3.75	7	0
A-4	0 - 2.25	7	0
		-	•
A-5	0 - 1.5	39	39
A-5 A-5 Duplicate			_
	0 - 1.5	39	39
A-5 Duplicate A-5 Average A-6	0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5	39 86 62.5 42	39 40
A-5 Duplicate A-5 Average	0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5	39 86 62.5	39 40 39.5
A-5 Duplicate A-5 Average A-6	0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5 0 - 2.75	39 86 62.5 42	39 40 39.5 20
A-5 Duplicate A-5 Average A-6 A-7 A-8 B-1	0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5 0 - 2.75 0 - 3 0 - 3 0 - 3	39 86 62.5 42 30 257 7	39 40 39.5 20 30 141 0
A-5 Duplicate A-5 Average A-6 A-7 A-8	0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5 0 - 1.5 0 - 2.75 0 - 3 0 - 3	39 86 62.5 42 30 257	39 40 39.5 20 30 141



PCBs Data

- Over half the samples contained no detectable concentrations of Aroclors
- Highest concentration94 µg/kg
- Average concentration 28 µg/kg

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Sample	Station ID	Core Interval (ft)	A 2010 2 4 04 6	A1001010	Arocler 1994	AI 0CI0I - I 22 I	A 200102 4000	AI 00101-1232	Aroclor 1949	A100101-1242	4.000	A100101-1240	4.00 x 4.00 A	Ar ocioi-1234	0307 100. 4	AI 00101-1200	Total PCBs
Primary	A-1	0 - 2.25	<	18	<	18	<	18	<	18	<	18	<	18	<	18	9
Primary	A-2	0 - 2.75	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	<	15	٧	15		22	22
Primary	A-3	0 - 3.75	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	<	14	٧	14	٧	14	7
Primary	A-4	0 - 2.25	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	<	14	٧	14		18	18
Primary	A-5	0 - 1.5	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	<	14	٧	14		57	57
Primary	A-6	0 - 2.75	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	<	14	٧	14	٧	14	7
Primary	A-7	0 - 3	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	<	14	٧	14		25	25
Primary	A-8	0 - 3	٧	16	٧	16	٧	16	٧	16	<	16	٧	16		62	62
Primary	B-1	0 - 3	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	٧	14	<	14	٧	14	٧	14	7
Primary	B-2	0 - 1.5	٧	14	٧	17	٧	17	٧	17	<	17	٧	17	٧	17	8.5
Primary	B-3	0 - 2	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	<	15	٧	15	٧	15	7.5
Primary	B-3 Duplicate	0 - 2	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	<	15	٧	15	٧	15	7.5
Primary	B-3 Average	0 - 2	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	٧	15	<	15	٧	15	٧	15	7.5
Secondary	A-2	0 - 1.5	٧	32	٧	32	٧	32	٧	32	<	32	٧	32	٧	32	16
Secondary	A-4	0 - 1.5	٧	30	٧	30	٧	30	٧	30	<	30	٧	30	٧	30	15
Secondary	A-5	0 - 1.5	٧	30	٧	30	٧	30	<	30	<	30		94	٧	30	94
Secondary	A-7	0 - 1.5	٧	26	<	26	<	26	<	26	<	26	<	26	<	26	13
Secondary	A-8	0 - 1.5	٧	33	٧	33	٧	33	٧	33	<	33		81	<	33	81



PCB Data: Comparison to Background*

- Average concentration (28 µg/kg)
 0.3X background (84 µg/kg)*
- Only one sample (A-5) above background at 1.12X background

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		Core Interval (ft)	Comparison of Concentration of Aroclors in Sediment to Background Concentration (Site concentration ÷ Background Concentration)
Sample	Station ID	ပိ ≆	Total PCBs
Primary	A-1	0 - 2.25	0.11
Primary	A-2	0 - 2.75	0.26
Primary	A-3	0 - 3.75	0.08
Primary	A-4	0 - 2.25	0.21
Primary	A-5	0 - 1.5	0.68
Primary	A-6	0 - 2.75	0.08
Primary	A-7	0 - 3	0.30
Primary	A-8	0 - 3	0.74
Primary	B-1	0 - 3	0.08
Primary	B-2	0 - 1.5	0.10
Primary	B-3	0 - 2	0.09
Primary	B-3 Duplicate	0 - 2	0.09
Primary	B-3 Average	0 - 2	0.09
Secondary	A-2	0 - 1.5	0.19
Secondary	A-4	0 - 1.5	0.18
Secondary	A-5	0 - 1.5	1.12
Secondary	A-7	0 - 1.5	0.15
Secondary	A-8	0 - 1.5	0.96
	Minimum		0.08
	Average		0.31
Poolso	Maximum round Concentra	tion [3]	1.12 84
Dacku	ound Concentra	(IIO) I	57

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^{*}Background conditions as established for the San Diego Bay Sediment Site: CRWQCB. 2010. Draft Technical Report for Tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2005-0126.



Results - Other

- The following chemical analytes were below detection limits
 - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
 - Organochlorine Pesticides
 - Phenols











Sediment Sampling Results Summary

- Concentrations for all chemicals were consistent with or lower than San Diego Bay background* concentrations (CRWQCB, 2010)
 - Highest concentration of chemical (relative to background) was cadmium
 - Average concentration of cadmium is 1.5X background
 - Not associated with cooling water (10-20% of background in sediment near cooling water outfall)
 - Likely to be associated with stormwater runoff and/or other local sources
 - Average concentration of PCBs 0.3X background
 - Average concentration of copper 0.09X background

	Concentrations in sediment										
	(mg/kg for metals, µg/kg for organics)										
	Post-Remed	ly (Shipyard									
	Sedime	nt Site)	South Bay F	Power Plant							
		Station		Station							
COC	SWAC	Maximum	Average	Maximum							
Copper	159	320	11	17							
Mercury	0.68	2.1	< 0.04	< 0.04							
HPAH	2,451	15,850	45	257							
PCB	194	495	28	94							
TBT	110	410	NA	NA							
Arsenic	8.7	18	3	5							
Cadmium	0.2	0.46	0.44	0.90							
Lead	66	100	11	21							
Zinc	221	390	33	54							

Both average and maximum concentrations of chemicals (except Cd) at South Bay lower than expected post-remedy SWAC conditions at the San Diego Shipyard Sediment Site

^{*}Background conditions as established for the San Diego Bay Sediment Site and Post-remedy shipyard conditions predicted for San Diego Bay Sediment Site: CRWQCB. 2010. Draft Technical Report for Tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2005-0126.











Application of MEC 1998 Data to SQOs and Considerations for BUIs



Sediment Quality Objectives

- Human health and aquatic dependent wildlife
 - SQOs in development; Current SQO guidance is to proceed using case-by-case basis using traditional risk assessment approaches (CRWQCB, 2011)
 - Similarity of concentrations of bioaccumulative chemicals in Site sediment to background indicates an absence of Sitespecific Human Health and Aquatic dependent wildlife BUIs

Aquatic life

- Full SQO analysis requires chemistry, benthic, and toxicity data for surface sediment (0-5 cm)
- Chemistry-only SQO analysis applied to existing MEC (1998) core data to evaluate SQO chemistry line of evidence (next slides)



- Analysis used MEC 1998 data to generate CSI and CA-LRM metrics for interpretation within SQO framework
 - Sum of PCBs based on Aroclors, not congeners
 - Where present, additional surface cores (0-1.5') also evaluated (did not affect results)
 - Analysis not limited to 0-5 cm layer, but includes deeper layers that would be expected to exhibit higher concentrations reflective of historical contributions
- Any new SQO analysis based upon samples of present 0-5 cm layer would not be attributable to SDG&E operations (assuming 1 cm/year sediment deposition)



- Some pesticides were excluded from analysis due to elevated detection limits (inclusion resulted in false positives)
 - Chlordanes excluded from analysis (assumed to be 0)
 - Chlordane was below detection limits (27-35 µg/kg) at each sediment station
 - No evidence of chlordane usage or detections at South Bay Power Plant
 - Trans-nonachlor not measured in sediment (assumed to be 0)
 - Not expected to be associated with SBPP
 - Dieldrin, DDTs, DDDs, and DDEs included (1/2 detection limit) despite lack of evidence for use at SBPP



 All stations "low exposure" or "minimal exposure" for sediment chemistry leg of the SQOs, indicating absence of chemical Aquatic Life BUI

			Integrated Exposur					
	CSI	CA LRM	Cate	egory ^[1]				
Station	Value	Value	Value	Category				
A-1	1	2	2	Low				
A-2	1	2	2	Low				
A-3	1	<u>1</u>	1	Minimal				
A-4	1	1	1	Minimal				
A-5	1	2	2	Low				
A-6	1	1	1	Minimal				
A-7	1	3	2	Low				
A-8	1	2	2	Low				
B-1	1	<u>1</u>	1	Minimal				
B-2	1	<u>1</u>	1	Minimal				
B-3	1	1	1	Minimal				

Integrated Exposure Category ^[1]								
1	Minimal							
2	Low							
3	Moderate							
4	High							

Notes

Integrated Exposure Categories are referenced from Bay et al. (2009) and are based on the average of the CSI and CA LRM score values (rounded upwards to the nearest whole number). Italicized and underlined CA LRM values are based exclusively on concentrations below the detection limit.



- Any toxicity or benthic community degradation observed in a full SQO study would not be attributable to SDG&E operations since all COCs are accounted for in this analysis (PCBs, PAHs, metals)
 - Recent observations of benthic community degradation due to non-chemical (physical) stressors
 - Because chemical concentrations measured in 1998 are similar to background, toxicity test results would likely reflect background conditions
 - Adverse effects (if any) in toxicity tests would implicate other chemicals not associated with SBPP (e.g., pyrethroid pesticides)



Benthic Community

- Degradation of the benthic community limited to cooling water discharge channel (CRWQCB, 2010)
 - "degradation to the biotic communities is due to several factors, including <u>elevated</u> temperature, flow volume, and flow velocity" (CRWQCB, 2010)
- Physical impacts since 1998 not related to SDG&E
- Benthic community likely to recover quickly from physical impacts
 - Recovery generally on order of months to a few years, not decades (Neimi et al., 1990; Wallace, 1990)



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Conclusions

- Chemicals in sediment adjacent to South Bay Power Plant do not pose risks above background levels in San Diego Bay
 - Bioaccumulative chemical concentrations consistent with background and indicate absence of Site-specific human health and wildlife risk
 - SQO chemistry line of evidence indicates absence of SBPP chemical impacts to aquatic life
 - Analysis not limited to 0-5 cm layer, but includes deeper layers that would be expected to exhibit higher concentrations reflective of historical contributions
- Full SQO analysis of community and toxicity lines of evidence would either:
 - Not indicate impairment
 - Indicate impairment due to physical conditions not attributable to SDG&E operations
 - Indicate impairment due to chemicals not attributable to SDG&E operations